

# TROY CITY VIEW

A quarterly newsletter published for and about the citizens of Troy

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## No Bikes on the Sidewalks of the Central Business District



The sidewalks in the Central Business District are for pedestrian traffic only and are not intended for the riding of bicycles, skateboards, tricycles, scooters, or any toy vehicles. Wheelchairs or other equipment to transport the handicapped are permissible. The Ordinance prohibiting the riding of bicycles in the Central Business District was established in the interest of safety for the

pedestrians and for cyclists. Recently, there have been accidents, and several near accidents, between cyclists and pedestrians. To bring more awareness to the fact that bicycles and other toy vehicles are not to be ridden on the sidewalks, signs have been posted and police officers are warning violators. When a warning is not effective, officers are issuing tickets to violators.

## TROY RECYCLING PROGRAM.....

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

**PAPER, MAGAZINES, JUNK MAIL:** All newspapers (including all inserts) and phone books. Place in a brown paper bag (remove any plastic bags).

**CARDBOARD:** Flatten corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes, shoeboxes, and detergent boxes.

**GLASS:** All colored glass containers from home use. Rinse containers. Remove lids and discard in the trash.

**METAL:** All tin food cans, aluminum and bi-metal beverage cans, aluminum foil and pie pans. Remove all food residue, rinse, and remove labels if possible.

**POLYSTYRENE:** Styrofoam egg cartons, cups, plates, produce and meat trays. Rinse away any food residue.

### NOT ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Plastic grocery bags (no exceptions)

Frozen juice concentrate containers

Mirrors or window glass, broken glass of any kind

Food boxes, pizza boxes

Coat hangers

Drinking glasses, dishes

Caps, lids or drinking straws

Cans used for chemicals or paints

Appliances or power tools

Plastic containers used for: motor oil, any automotive products, paint, solvents, lawn chemicals, or lawn care products

Large items such as lawn chairs, aluminum ladders, rubber piping, plastic piping and hoses, plastic flower bed edging, flower pots, plastic buckets and bicycles

**POLYCOATED PAPERBOARD:** Milk cartons, refrigerated juice cartons (including those with plastic tops), and food or beverage containers with a "gable" top, and "brick" shaped drink boxes. Rinse.

**PLASTIC:** Soda bottles, wide mouthed beverage containers, milk and water jugs and detergent containers. Rinse containers. Remove lids and discard in the trash. Flatten containers if possible.

**Special note on plastic items:** Most plastics commonly used in home products have a number assigned which identifies the kind of plastic the items contain. The numbers 1 and 2 are commonly found on items that can be recycled. However, many items that are stamped with these numbers cannot be recycled for reasons such as size, special coatings, or mixed materials in the items.

Frozen food cartons

Wax coated products

Disposable diapers

Aerosol spray cans

Toys

Light bulbs

Cloth items

Batteries

Liquids of any kind

The City also recommends the use of plastic bags, not exceeding a 32-gallon capacity and weighing no more than 70 pounds, for disposal of solid waste as opposed to trash containers. This allows for more efficient collection by our crews and cuts down on the amount of time needed for each stop.

# CITY CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER, 2005

5	Labor Day Holiday, City Offices Closed (Refuse Collection Delayed One Day All Week)	
6	Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
6	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
14	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
15	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
19	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
28	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.

## OCTOBER, 2005

3	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
4	Joint Board of Park Commissioners & Recreation Board Meeting	11 a.m.
12	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
17	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
20	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
26	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.

## NOVEMBER, 2005

1	Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
7	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
9	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
17	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
21	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
23	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
24 & 25	City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday (Refuse Collection Delayed One Day Starting Nov. 24)	
25	Lighting of Holiday Tree on Public Square Evening	

NOTE: All meetings are held at Troy City Hall,  
100 South Market Street, unless otherwise designated.

# Your Tax Dollars at Work

**SCHOOL SAFETY** - A new school crosswalk and school zone markings have been added on N. Market Street near Ferguson Drive. This crosswalk will provide better safety for those students crossing from the Junior High and High School. Please watch for students in all of the crosswalks as the new school year is starting.

**NORTH ELM STREET** - Retaining walls are complete. The contractor is now installing curbs along the new roadway. The next step will be side-walks and then gravel and asphalt. The work up to this point has been slow; however, once the curb is complete, it should go much quicker. Construction will be complete by the end of the year.

**RIDGE/PETERS** - Design is underway for the improvements of S. Ridge from W. Market to Peters and continuing on Peters to the Goodrich entrance. Once the design firm completes baseline information, Staff will contact all parties along the route and review the proposed improvements. Construction is expected to begin in early 2006.

**DOWNTOWN** - New decorative archways will be installed at both ends of the Cherry Street Alley. These archways are paid for in part by a grant and will help to designate a link between parking in the Cherry Street parking lot and the Downtown Square. They have been designed to match the new kiosks that are in each quadrant of the Square.



**TROY CONCORD BIKE TRAIL** - The trail is complete and ready for use. The new trail is very scenic and includes a portion next to the Miami Shores Golf Course and two river crossings. This trail connects to the existing trails and can now be used from Lytle Road to south of Dye Mill Road.

**CATCH BASIN AND MANHOLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMS** - Work on the catch basin replacement is nearly half complete and will be completed before the end of the year. Work on the manholes will be starting in September and will be completed before the end of the year.

**SIDEWALK PROGRAM** - Results from Phase 5 of the City's Sidewalk Repair Program will begin to show in September. Staff will be marking sidewalks that are in need of repair. Once all the sidewalks have been marked and the information tabulated, packets of information will be mailed to those included in this program. If you have any questions on markings that appear on your sidewalk, please call the City Engineer's Office at (937) 339-2641.

## 2005 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 South Market Street. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the City's website, [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov), as well as at City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings with their input. The following schedule is provided as a handy reminder of the City Council meetings planned for this fall.

Tue., Sept. 6	Mon., Oct. 3	Mon., Nov. 7	Mon., Dec. 5
Mon., Sept. 19	Mon., Oct. 17	Mon., Nov. 21	Mon., Dec. 19

# City of Troy Hosts Sister City Guests

From August 3 to 9, families in the City of Troy hosted a delegation from our Sister City, Takahashi City, Japan as part of the Troy-Takahashi Student Exchange Program.

Eighteen junior high school students and four adult leaders participated in a number of activities, some of which were held in cooperation with Troy City Schools. The delega-



tion and their hosts toured the Junior High School on August 4 and planted a tree in front of the building to commemorate the visit. On August 5, Troy High

School's art instructor Paula Benfer helped the students create Native American Sand Artwork. This was followed by a fun-filled afternoon of ice skat-

ing. In order for the delegation to experience the everyday life in Troy, members stayed in the homes of students from Troy during their visit.

The Troy-Takahashi Student Exchange Program provides the delegation and local students an opportunity to learn about the culture of another country and city. While the students do not speak the same language, they certainly find ways to communicate. The emphasis is on finding out how much they have in common.



## TROY AQUATIC PARK OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 11

The Troy Aquatic Park will remain open until Saturday, September 11. Weekday hours will be 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. beginning August 22 when Troy Schools are back in session. Saturday hours will remain 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday hours will remain 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pass member swim will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. Please call (937) 335-5171 with any questions.

The Troy Aquatic Park staff would like to thank the citizens of Troy for a successful inaugural season. We hope that those of you who had the opportunity to visit this summer had an enjoyable experience, and we look forward to seeing you again next summer.

## Child Safety Seats

The Troy Police Department in partnership with the Miami County Health District is pleased to announce a new service to the community of Troy in providing education about child safety seats.

Officer Joel Misirian is currently the only National Safe Kids Worldwide Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician for the city of Troy who can educate, check and assist in the installation of child safety seats. Officer Misirian and Donna Youtz of the Miami County Health District are available by appointment to assist anyone with their child safety seat needs and questions. Donna is also certified by the National Safe Kids Worldwide Organization as a Child Passenger Safety Technician and has been providing CPS services through the Health District for three years.

You can reach Officer Misirian at (937) 339-7525 ext. 423 or by email at [joel.misirian@troyohio.gov](mailto:joel.misirian@troyohio.gov). You can reach Donna at (937) 440-5429 or by email at [dyoutz@miamicountyhealth.net](mailto:dyoutz@miamicountyhealth.net) regarding child safety seat issues.

## ASKSTAFF@TROYOHIO.GOV AVAILABLE

Troy City Council has set a priority of communication with the public and seeks to provide ways that citizens can communicate their ideas and questions to staff. A new email address has been established for this reason. Citizens with questions regarding any city services and/or programs can email [AskStaff@troyohio.gov](mailto:AskStaff@troyohio.gov) and a staff member will provide a response. It is helpful if citizens are willing to include their name and phone number in their email. Often times, a phone call can provide a better response.

## Happenings at Hobart Arena



### 2006 TROY AUTO DEALERS CAR SHOW AND CRUISE IN

Saturday, September 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Come see the latest model cars from local Auto Dealers Troy Ford, Joe Johnson Chevrolet/Oldsmobile, Arbogast Buick-Pontiac-GMC Truck, and Erwin Chrysler Dodge Jeep inside Hobart Arena while local car enthusiasts show off their cars as part of the Cruise In located in the Arena's parking lot.

### FREE PUBLIC SKATING & INSTRUCTION PROVIDED BY THE TROY SKATING CLUB

Saturday, October 22 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Skate rental is \$2.25. Come out and enjoy the kickoff to the 2005-06 Public Skating season and take advantage of free instruction provided by skating professionals from the Troy Skating Club.

### OCTOBER PUBLIC SKATING SCHEDULE



Friday, October 28	8 - 10 p.m.
Saturday, October 29	2 - 4 p.m. & 8 - 10 p.m.
Sunday, October 30	2 - 4 p.m.

Rates: Adults (15 & Over)	\$4.50
Sr. Citizens	\$3.75
Youth (14 & Under)	\$3.75
Skate Rental	\$2.25

Discounts for groups of 20 or more. Call (937) 339-2911 for group rates.

### PUBLIC SKATING DISCOUNT PASSES

Student — 20 Sessions for \$50	Adult — 20 Sessions for \$60
Student — 10 Sessions for \$28	Adult — 10 Sessions for \$35

Passes may be purchased at Hobart Arena during regular office hours or at the box office during public skating sessions.

### PRIVATE PARTY AND SCHOOL ICE RENTAL

Hobart Arena is available for Corporate Family Christmas Skating parties and for daycare and school outings. Please contact Hobart Arena at (937) 339-2911 for rental information and availability.

### TROY SKATING CLUB

Have you or your children always wanted to learn the basics of hockey or ice skating? The Troy Skating Club offers classes for beginning skaters ages 3 through adults instructed by professional coaches. Sessions are held at Hobart Arena beginning Sept. 26 and continue through the summer of 2006. For more information, contact Troy Skating Club at (937) 339-8521.



## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### INITIATION TO HOCKEY PROGRAM AGES 5 TO 8

Program begins at the beginning of October and includes one practice per week. The program is for beginning youth hockey players and will be focused primarily on the basic hockey skills - skating, stick handling, passing and shooting. You may register at the Recreation Department offices weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or on Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon or online at [www.troyohio.gov/rec/ProgramRegForms.html](http://www.troyohio.gov/rec/ProgramRegForms.html).

### YOUTH SWIM LESSONS & ADULT WATER AEROBICS

Session I begins the week of October 10. Please contact the Recreation Department at (937) 339-5145 for further registration information.



# CITY CLIPS



**Troy Rec Before and After School Program** — Register now to reserve your space in the Troy Rec Before and After School Program! Children from K-6th grade are accepted for care from 7:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on all school days. Bus transportation is provided to and from Hook, Heywood, Kyle, and Van Cleve schools. Call Janet today at (937) 339-1850 before the spaces are filled.

**New Faces to Troy and Promotions** — Miami Shores Golf Course welcomes **Shane Furrow** as a Laborer. The Park Department welcomes **Jerry Carter** as a Laborer. **Matt Simmons** has been promoted to Fire Department Platoon Commander.

**Billing and Collection Office Open Till 5:00 P.M.** — On August 1, 2005, the Billing and Collection Office in City Hall began staying open to receive payments until 5:00 p.m. Mayor Mike Beamish said, "This change will provide citizens with greater access to staff for questions and to pay their water bill. We hope the extension of office hours is a positive step in the City's continued efforts in the direction of improved customer service."

**Paint Voucher And Garage Demolition Program** — The Planning Department reminds citizens of Troy about the Paint Voucher Program and the Garage Demolition Program. The Paint Voucher Program assists residents by providing up to \$250 for the purchase of paint for the exterior of their home. The Garage Demolition Program provides funds for those residents who wish to demolish a "condemnable" garage structure. Certain guidelines apply to both programs. Please contact the Planning Department at (937) 339-9481 for more information or stop by their office in City Hall for an application.

**Golf Course/Bike Trail Courtesy** — Cyclists and other users of the bike trail need to be courteous of the golfers when using the trail next to Miami Shores Golf Course. Golfers also need to be aware of the cyclists and other users of the recreational trail along the levy next to the river. Don't forget to yell "FOUR" if necessary.

**2007 Miami County Milestones Bicentennial Celebration Volunteers Needed** — If you are interested in volunteering for the 2007 Miami County Milestones Bicentennial Celebration events, contact Diana Thompson at 339-1044 for more information.

## DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor .....Michael L. Beamish  
President of Council .....William F. Lohrer  
Council Members by Ward:

1st Ward .....Thomas Kendall  
2nd Ward .....Martha A. Baker  
3rd Ward .....Ted S. Mercer  
4th Ward .....Frank L. Hutchinson

Council Members At-Large:

.....Alan R. Clark  
.....Mark A. Douglas  
.....Shirley M. Saxton

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Mark S. Cundiff

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Police Chief .....Charles C. Phelps  
Park Superintendent .....Timothy J. Mercer  
Cemetery Superintendent ... Lewis J. Deeter  
Director of Golf .....Kenneth D. Green

Information on how to contact City elected and appointed officials is available on the City of Troy website: [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov)

## TROY CITY PROGRAMMING - CHANNEL 9

Watch for the Mayor's Report and the City Council Update programs on Troy-Public Broadcasting, Channel 9.

**Mayor's Report** — Monday - 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday - 11:00 a.m.; Thursday - 9:00 p.m.; Sunday - 7:30 p.m.

**City Council Update** — Monday - 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday - 11:30 a.m.; Thursday - 9:30 p.m.; Sunday - 8:00 p.m.



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**Attention Web Surfers:** Have you visited the official website of the City of Troy?

If not, surf over to [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov) and check us out. The site is full of useful information about the City as an organization, as well as the community.

The website changes regularly, so visit often to keep abreast of meeting dates, job openings and other useful information.

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